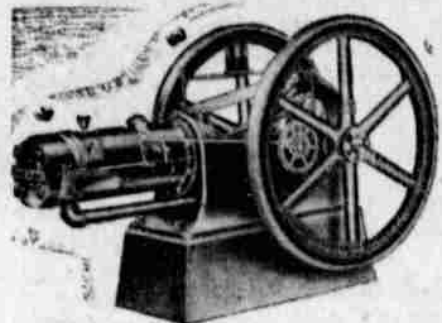


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ARIZONA'S SUPREMACY OVER GREAT MINING STATES OF WEST

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Colorado is the largest producer of gold in the United States. The total gold output of Colorado for 1906 was \$23,500,000.

That makes a big noise in the world. Total value of the output of Arizona's greatest copper camp, Bisbee, for 1906, was \$23,832,538.

That doesn't make so much noise in the world.

All Arizona figures mentioned in this article are the sworn statements turned in to the county assessor for taxation, therefore above suspicion of exaggeration.

Nevada's total gold output for 1906 was worth \$9,900,000.

The value of the output of Arizona's second-to-greatest copper camp, Clifton, for 1906, though badly crippled for over a month by a flood, was \$10,983,693. Balance in favor of Arizona's second-to-greatest copper camp over all Nevada \$1,083,693.

More Comparisons.

Cripple Creek is the greatest mining camp in Colorado and the greatest gold camp in the western hemisphere. It was made a great noise in the world. Arizona's greatest camp, Bisbee, has made so little noise that most of the people of Colorado (who are the most intelligent people anywhere on earth and the most generally well-informed) couldn't tell if they were to be hung for it whether Bisbee is in Chihuahua, Sonora or Arizona.

The value of Cripple Creek's output for 1906 (allowing all that the camp itself claims, which is probably ten per cent too much) was \$16,268,291. The value of Bisbee's output, the same years was \$23,832,538, making a difference in favor of Arizona's greatest camp of \$7,564,247.

Nevada's greatest gold camp is Goldfield. It is really and truly a wonderful camp. It contains the very smartest mining population on top of this trembling old sphere. If the five principal copper camps of Arizona—Bisbee, Clifton, Yavapai, Globe, and Pima, contained a mining population as clever, as bold, as alert and as enterprising as Goldfield's—the output of the territory would double in three years.

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The gold output for all Nevada in 1906 was \$9,900,000.

The exact output of Goldfield is not accessible to me at this writing, but I know the whole state of Nevada up to date as well as any man that lives, and I feel safe in putting the output of

crane! "that you do not touch the back part of my head. It is sore and should you press against it I shall not be able to avoid throwing you both into the rapids." They were, however, attentive on this point, and were both safely landed on the other side of the river. The crane then resumed its former position in the rapids.

But the skull now cried out, "Come, grandfather, and carry me over, for I have lost my children, and am sorely distressed."

The aged bird flew to her assistance, but carefully repeated his injunction that she must by no means touch the back part of his head, which had been hurt, and was not yet healed. She promised to obey, but she soon felt a curiosity to know where the head of her carrier had been hurt, and how so aged a bird could have acquired such a bad wound. She thought it strange, and before they were half way over the rapids could not resist the inclination she felt to touch the affected part. Instantly the crane threw her into the rapids. The skull floated down from rock to rock, striking violently against their hard edges, until it was battered to fragments, and the sons were thus happily and effectually relieved from their tormentor. But the brains of the woman, when the skull was dashed against the rock, fell into the water in the form of small white roses, which soon assumed the shape of a novel kind of fish, possessing a whiteness of color peculiar to itself; and these rapids have ever since been well stocked with this new and delicious species of fish.

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